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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Applicant(s):	GOEMAN, et al.	Confirmation No.:	1285
Application No.:	10/540,057	Group Art:	1657
Filing Date:	November 3, 2006	Examiner:	B. Shen
Title:	FLUOROGENIC ENZYME SUBSTRATES AND METHODS OF PREPARATION		

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Commissioner for Patents
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT,
AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION PETITION**

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed December 12, 2008, wherein the Examiner requests a six-way restriction on claims 1-12 as follows:

Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to an enzyme substrate of formula I, II, III.

Group II, claim 6, drawn to an enzyme substrate of formula V.

Group III, claim 7, drawn to use of a substrate of formula I.

Group IV, claim 8, drawn to a method for preparing a substrate of formula I.

Group V, claims 9 and 10, drawn to fluorescent precipitate from cleavage of a substrate of formula I.

Group VI, claims 11 and 12, drawn to a method for detecting enzyme activity using a substrate of formula I.

The Examiner also requests election of a single species from claims 1, 2 and 6 as following:

Species A, the structure type of Y from >C=O , >C=CH_2 , >C-R1

Species B, the structure type of W from CH-, -S-, -O-, or -N(R₃)-

Species C, the structure type of M from -O-, -N(R₃)-, or -S-

Applicants elect without traverse Group I and further elect Y is C=O, W is -N(R₃)- and M is -O- to proceed with examination.

Therefore, claims 1-2 are amended herein, and claims 3-5 remain in the application.

Claims 6-12 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Amendments To The Claims begin on page 3 herein.

Remarks begin on page 10 herein.

A petition for a one (1) month extension of time for responding to the Official Action is herein requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge JOHNSON & JOHNSON Deposit Account No. 10-0750/TIP0044USPCT/YR for the costs incurred with this filing. If there are any additional charges or credits in connection with this filing, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge/credit the JOHNSON & JOHNSON deposit account listed above.